

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Workshop Meeting, November 10, 2008, 3:30 PM,
Municipal Office Building, Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Anne Perry (secretary), Don Jones, Tony Barrett,
Ann Nemrow, Burr Taylor.

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

Absent: Rhonda Weaver (Associate Member)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting were approved.

1. OPEN SPACE PLAN DRAFT

a. Feedback: Howard Nannen asks “does OSP allow for residential growth in Focus Areas? Discussion ensued on the amount and % acreage of undeveloped vs developed land within the focus areas, also the amount and % acreage of protected land in the focus areas.

b. Publicity for OSP, Public Hearing, Nov. 18 at 6:30 at HIS: colored flyers to be posted around town; website will feature OSP download by November 12. Maryann is working on training the pictures to stay put; possibility of a blog discussed;

HCC stuffed envelopes for invitations to Forum participants. These will be sent out this week

Libraries will get copies of the OSP draft in binders in color. H

2. HILDRETH RD. A meeting will be set for continued discussion by/with Selectmen. A brief statement of our position is requested.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Vernal Pools Subcommittee update (Don, Deirdre, and Tony): Funding will be needed for a vernal pools survey – first an aerial survey, then on the ground in spring to check for indicator species. Harpswell might combine with neighboring town(s) for aials. Bowdoin College’s Common Good Grants are for \$2500 max and are good for projects like vernal pool surveys by towns. Another thought was put forth that this would make a good community project for a Bowdoin environmental science class. (Ann will ask her professor friend.) Maine Audubon is distributing a grant it received to several area towns – not Harpswell. The deadline for many of these grants is mid-December. Don will ask Bob Shafto about funding? Marcel is in touch with Aram Calhoun, who runs the vernal pool program for MAS. Sally Stockwell of Maine Audubon was also mentioned as a contact person.

Adjourned 4:30 PM.

Submitted by Anne Perry, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: Mon. 11/17 at 3 PM, no workshop 11/25.

Public Hearing Tues. 11/18 at 6:30 PM at HIS.